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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 1624

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SUBJECT: CALLS FOR BLACK BOYCOTT OF WHITE STORES

REF: CAPE TOWN 1575

SUMMARY: A GROUP OF MILITANTS HAS BEGUN EFFORT TO
MOUNT A BLACK CONSUMER BOYCOTT HERE. THERE ARE REPORTS
THAT A CARLTON CENTER-TYPE BOMBING ATTACK IS PLANNED FOR
THE NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. REFTEL REPORTED ALLAGED FORMATION OF SMALL GROUP OF
RADICALS IN BLACK TOWNSHIPS HERE WHOSE PLANS INCLUDED, INTER
ALIA, EFFORTS TO MOUNT BLACK CONSUMER BOYCOTT AGAINST WHITE
STORES. LAST WEEK, IN OPENING MOVE OF CAMPAIGN, PAMPHLETS
(SAID BY ONE TOWNSHIP SOURCE TO NUMBER "SEVERAL THOUSAND")
WERE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MOWBRAY RAIL DEPOT USED BY MOST
BLACK COMMUTERS AND AT SEVERAL OTHER DEPOTS. PAMPHLETS
REPORTEDLY CALLED ON BLACKS TO RETFRAIN FROM PATRONISING
"WHITE " STORES, PARTICULARLY PICK-N-PAY SUPERMARKETS AND
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EDGAR'S SHOE STORES.

2. NIGHT OF NOV. 24, RADICALS PAINTED BLACK BOYCOTT
SLOGANS AT SEVERAL PUBLIC SITES. AT KENILWORTH SHOPPING
CENTER, SLOGANS WERE "SIGNED" WITH LETTERS
"RAU TEM," SAME ONES AS FOUND AT HOME OF NP PARLIAMENTARY
CANDIDATE ROBERT SMIT AND HIS WIFE WHO WERE KILLED LAST

WEEK IN SPRINGS (PRETORIA 6360). OUR SOURCE CLAIMS THAT "RAU TEM" WAS USED ONLY AS A DIVERSION AND AS AN EFFORT TO GAIN PUBLICITY. IRONICALLY BRIEF LOCAL PRESS REPORT ON MATTER FORCUSSES ON USE OF "RAU TEM" AND OMITTED ANY MENTION OF CALL FOR CONSUMER BOYCOTT.

3. ONE OF OUR SOURCES CLAIMS TO HAVE RELIABLE REPORT THAT SAME GROUP HAS PLANS TO SET OFF BOMB AT A MAJOR SHOPPING CENTER HERE IN NEAR FUTURE SIMILAR TO CARLTON CENTER EXPLOSION IN JOHANNESBURG (JOHANNESBURG 2913). WHETHER THE GROUP, WHICH IS REPORTED NOT RPT NOT TO BE LINKED TO AFRICAN NATIONAL CONTRESS (ANC), POSSESSES SUFFICIENT TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO CARY OUT SUCH AN OPERATION REMAINS TO BE SEEN. WHITE

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